

**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

March 16, 1999

FROM: CAROL T. SHEARER
Acting County Administrative Officer

**SUBJECT: PRESENTATION OF DETENTION FACILITIES AND JUVENILE JUSTICE
SYSTEM DRAFT NEEDS ASSESSMENT AND MASTER PLAN UPDATE**

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Receive the Detention Facilities and Juvenile Justice System Draft Needs Assessment and Master Plan Update and take public comment.
2. Provide direction to the staff for the finalizing and incorporation of public comments, and return the final draft update to the Board.

BACKGROUND: Over the past several years, a number of in-depth master plans and updates have been completed that address both adult and juvenile corrections in this county, as follows:

September 1987	Adult Detention Facility Needs Assessment and Master Plan
December 1990	Juvenile Needs Assessment and Master Plan
April 1991	Pre-Adjudication Facility Operational and Architectural Program
September 1994	Update to the Adult Needs Assessment and Master Plan
December 1994	Glen Helen Sheriff's Facility Needs Assessment and Master Plan
May 1997	Update to the Juvenile Needs Assessment and Master Plan

On February 3, 1998, the Board awarded a consultant contract to Rosser International to conduct a court system needs assessment/program statement and to develop the Consolidated Courts Master Plan. This effort was initiated in response to several factors: the seismic issues of the central courthouse; the possible addition of four new judgeships within the current year (for which the county has insufficient courtroom space); and the changes in court funding that may fundamentally change the county court system operating environment.

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In the course of the Master Plan study, it became apparent that factoring in adult and juvenile detention issues would be an essential element. On August 11, 1998, the Board approved the expansion of the scope of the Needs Assessment and Master Plan to include an update of the juvenile justice system and detention facilities master plans, substantially increasing the county's benefit from the Court Master Plan. The major issues that this Update has addressed are: 1) inmate population projections and profiles for the collocation of detention facilities and courts; 2) evaluation of the central juvenile detention facility; and 3) detailed review and evaluation of the need for additional adult detention facilities.

Several coordination meetings have been held involving the Sheriff's Department, Probation, Architecture and Engineering, Presiding Judge of the Consolidated Courts, Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Court, and the County Administrative Office.

The criminal justice system is an intricately connected group of inter-related departments and functions. When finalized, this Update will complete a study process and will be the final element in the county's first comprehensive, countywide plan for criminal justice facilities. By including a detention issues update as part of the court plan, the costs and savings to co-locate detention and court facilities can be better evaluated, resulting in substantial potential financial benefits to the county.

The plan is on the county's Internet homepage at www.co.san-bernardino.ca.us.

REVIEW BY OTHERS: This item has been coordinated with the Sheriff's Department, Courts, Probation, and County Counsel.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: This item is only for review and discussion of the Update, and, as a result, there is no county cost associated with this item.

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT(S): All

PRESENTER: Carol T. Shearer

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